



July 24, 2012

U.S. Smoke & Fire, A Division of CYSA Development

Re: Letter of Reference

To Whom It May Concern:

U.S. Smoke & Fire in collaboration with Arup and ZGF designed the UL labeled U.S. Smoke and Fire TM BLE atrium smoke curtain. This was used in lieu of an active smoke exhaust system in the new state of the art Max Plank Institute, at Florida Atlantic University.

The enclosure of the third floor from the two floor atrium per IBC 707 allowed the removal of active smoke management that saved the project from needing a very expensive active smoke extraction system. From the first meeting, submittals, coordination to install and commissioning the work was conducted professionally. This was our first project with Dr. Sadeghian and his team and we have found them to be extremely comprehensive, knowledgeable and reliable.

The design and install was a challenge as the system was hidden in a floating suspended ceiling nearly fifty feet above the atrium to meet the aesthetic requirements. At the final hour the fire marshals questioned the curtain system operations and required exit buttons to be installed on both side of the curtain on a Friday and would not give us our temporary certificate of Occupancy on Tuesday unless it was installed on Monday.

Dr. Sadeghian and his install team led by Carlos Pierola, and Judd Ullom, flew down to the site and installed the accessories on Monday, retested and recommissioned the system. Further, they were available for the Fire Marshall and were prepared to answer any code and operational questions.

I would highly recommend working with U.S. Smoke and Fire, as they are a dedicated group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aric Preisendorf", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name.

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